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SUBJECT: UNSYG CONVENES WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AT GENEVA PRESS CONFERENCE
APRIL 11, UNSYG STATED HE HAD, AT REQUEST OF UNGA
PRESIDENT, EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF WDC
SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD FIRST MEETING BEFORE END OF
APRIL. UNSYG CLAIMED THAT IN DOING SO HE WAS FULFILLING
" PURELY TECHNICAL FUNCTION".

2. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF UNSYG' S LETTER OF INVITATION
DATED APRIL 6 (MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY SYG SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE PASTINEN) READ: " AS YOUR GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTS ONE OF THE THIRTY- ONE MEMBER STATES
SPECIFICALLY APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE ON THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FIRST
MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE CONVENED AT
UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 1973,
AT 11 A. M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1. THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
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FOR THE MEETING IS ENCLOSED.

" I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAME OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING. ENCLOSURE: PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO PRESENT NEXT WEEK A PROPOSAL FOR A CAP FOR SOYBEANS. LARDINOIS RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL. (SEE REF B) THE MISSION IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED SEVERAL COMMISSION OFFICIALS (INCLUDING MALVE OF PRESIDENT ORTOLI' S CABINET) OF OUR CONTINUING STRONG OPPOSITION TO SUCH A PROPOSAL. CHIRAC REPORTEDLY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE MARGARINE TAX, PROPOSED IN 1964, BUT NEVER APPLIED, SHOULD BE USED TO COPE WITH BUTTER SURPLUSES. HE REPORTEDLY SAID QUOTE ONE HEARS MORE ARGUMENTS DEFENDING THE CAPITALIST INTERESTS OF THE MARGARINE INDUSTRY THAN THOSE IN FAVOR OF MILK PRODUCERS UNQUOTE.

6. LARDINOIS PRESENTED A BRIEF REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED SALE OF 200,000 TONS OF BUTTER TO THE U. S. S. R. (REF C). REPORTEDLY, NO OPPOSITION WAS EXPRESSED BY THE MEMBER STATES. ERTL DID SUGGEST THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PERMIT THE SALE IN THE COMMUNITY OF INTERVENTION BUTTER AT REDUCED PRICES. GODBER THEN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT THE RUSSIAN SALE WAS ONLY ONE MORE REASON FOR DECREASING THE BUTTER INTERVENTION PRICE SO AS TO DISCOURAGE SURPLUS PRODUCTION.

7. THE COUNCIL DID TAKE A NUMBER OF DECISIONS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE SUCH AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES GOVERNING THE CALCULATION OF THE LEVY AND GATE PRICE FOR DUCKS. THE COUNCIL ALSO SENT TO THE PARLIAMENT A PROPOSED DIRECTIVE CONCERNING COFFEE AND TEA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. AT THE VERY END OF THE MEETING, ITALY REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS BE

INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSED EC POLICY
FOR THEMEDITERRANEAN. NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED
TO THIS REQUEST. GREENWALD

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